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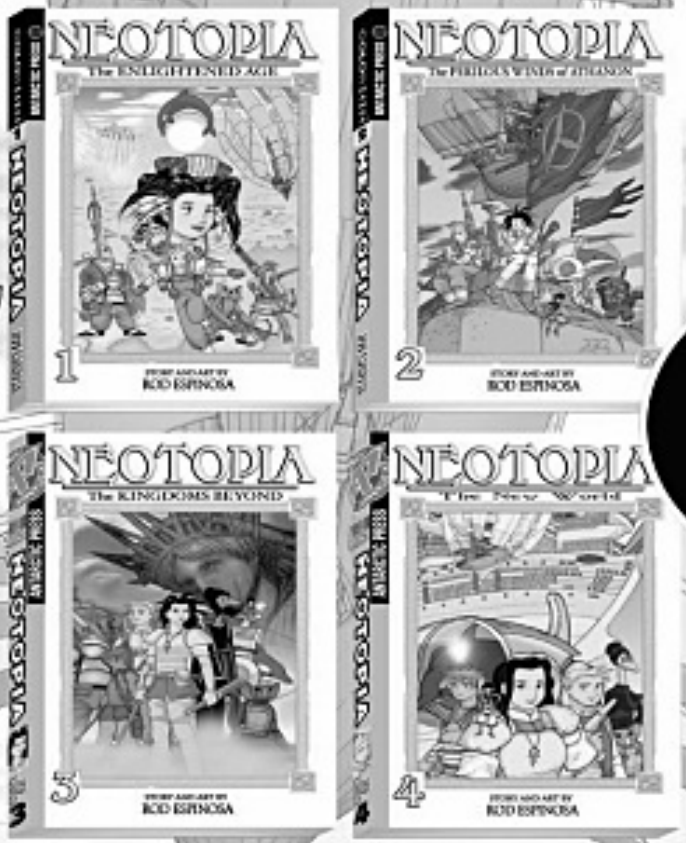

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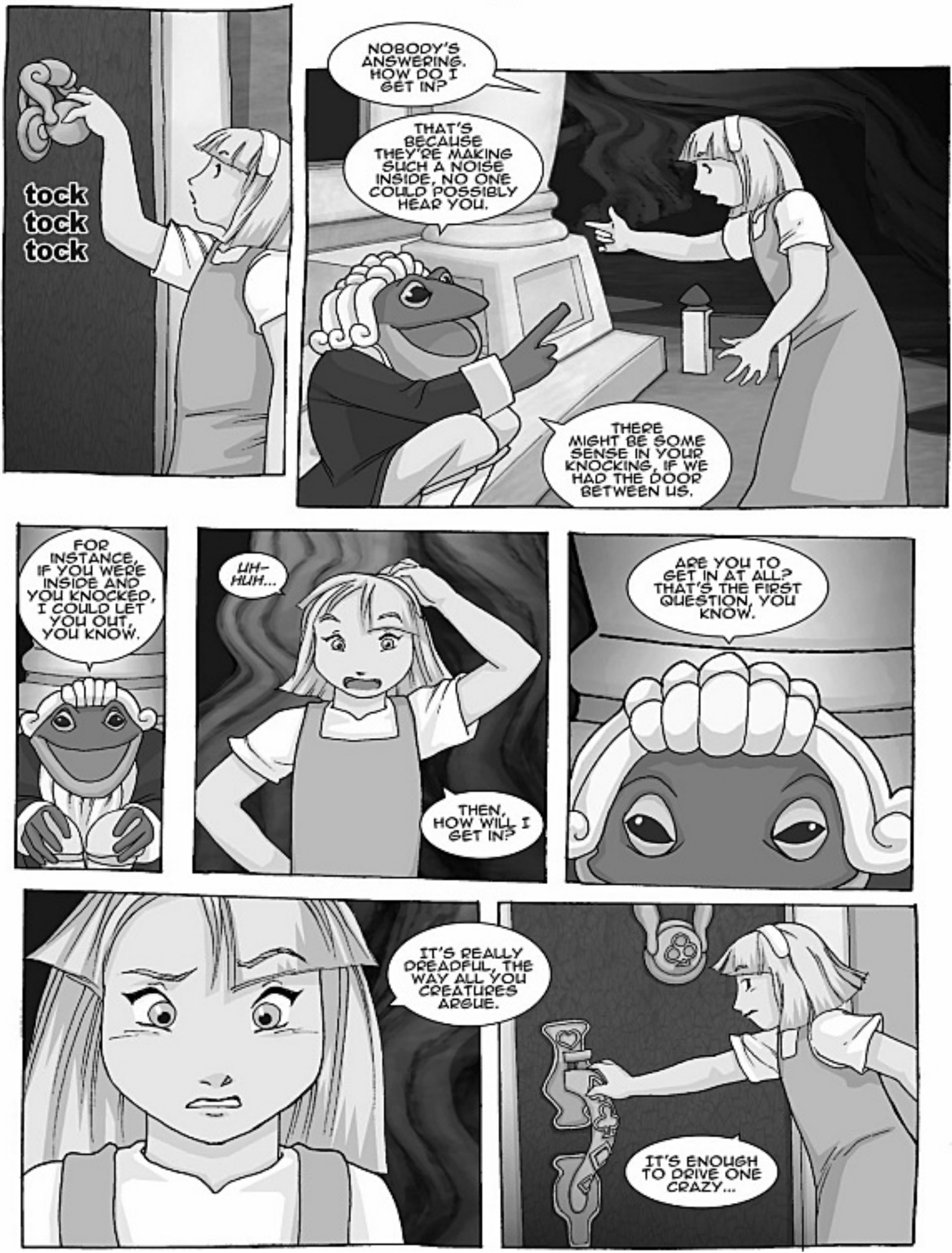
UM, HELLO. EXCUSE ME, HOW DO I GET IN?
YOU CAN KNOCK. BUT IT WON'T DO YOU ANY GOOD, SINCE I'M ON THE SAME SIDE OF THE DOOR AS YOU ARE.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NOBODY'S ANSWERING. HOW DO I GET IN?
THAT'S BECAUSE THEY'RE MAKING SUCH A NOISE INSIDE, NO ONE COULD POSSIBLY HEAR YOU.
THERE MIGHT BE SOME SENSE IN YOUR KNOCKING, IF WE HAD THE DOOR BETWEEN US.
FOR INSTANCE, IF YOU WERE INSIDE AND YOU KNOCKED, I COULD LET YOU OUT, YOU KNOW.
UH-HUH...
THEN, HOW WILL I GET IN?
ARE YOU TO GET IN AT ALL? THAT'S THE FIRST QUESTION, YOU KNOW.
IT'S REALLY DREADFUL, THE WAY ALL YOU CREATURES ARGUE.
IT'S ENOUGH TO DRIVE ONE CRAZY...

...
AH--!

KRSH!
GOOD GRACIOUS! WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?
ANYTHING YOU LIKE. I'LL JUST SIT HERE 'TIL TOMORROW... OR MAYBE FOR DAYS AND DAYS.
IT'S NO USE TALKING TO HIM. HE'S PERFECTLY IDIO--
GAH!
BLANG

OH, HELLO... UH, MA'AM. ARE YOU THE DUCHESS?
YES, I A-- A--ACHOO!
BLESS YOU!
THANK YOU, MY DEAR.
WAA... UWAA... WOHOO!
POOR PIG... HUSH NOW...
PLEASE, COULD YOU TELL ME...
...WHY DOES YOUR CAT GRIN LIKE THA--
AAA--
ATCHMMH!

IT'S A CHESHIRE CAT.
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT CHESHIRE CATS GRINNED. IN FACT, I DIDN'T KNOW THAT CATS COULD GRIN.
THEY ALL CAN, AND MOST OF 'EM DO.
WAAA... WCHOO!
SHH... BE STILL, PIG.
EXCUSE ME, BUT WHY DO YOU CALL YOUR BABY PI--
OH.
EXCUSE ME...
I THINK THERE'S TOO MUCH PEPPER IN THAT SOUP! THE BABY'S GETTING--

I MUST GO AND GET READY TO PLAY CROQUET WITH THE QUEEN.
HEY--!

AH! I GET THE HINT! STOP THAT!

I KNOW WHEN I'M NOT WANTED!
AH! HEY!

WHAT A MADHOUSE...
...?
LOOKING FOR SOMETHING?
--?

OH... UM, HELLO.

CHESHIRE CAT, COULD YOU TELL ME, PLEASE, WHICH WAY I OUGHT TO GO FROM HERE?

THAT DEPENDS A GOOD DEAL ON WHERE YOU WANT TO GET TO.

I DON'T MUCH CARE WHERE--

THEN IT DOESN'T MATTER WHICH WAY YOU GO.
WELL, I WANT TO GET SOMEWHERE, AT LEAST.
OH, YOU'RE SURE TO DO THAT, IF YOU ONLY WALK LONG ENOUGH.

WILL YOU PLAY CROQUET WITH THE QUEEN TODAY?
I WOULD LIKE THAT VERY MUCH, BUT I HAVEN'T BEEN INVITED YET.
YOU'LL SEE ME THERE.
.....

WHAT SORT OF PEOPLE LIVE AROUND HERE?
WELL...

IN THAT DIRECTION, LIVES A HATTER.

AND IN THAT DIRECTION...

... LIVES A MARCH HARE. VISIT THEM BOTH IF YOU LIKE. THEY'RE BOTH MAD.

BUT I DON'T WANT TO GO AMONG MAD PEOPLE!
OH, YOU CAN'T HELP THAT, WE'RE ALL MAD HERE.
AHAH... AHAHAHAHAHA...
WELL! I'VE OFTEN SEEN A CAT WITHOUT A GRIN, BUT A GRIN WITHOUT A CAT! IT'S THE MOST CURIOUS THING I EVER SAW IN MY LIFE!

WOULD YOU LIKE SOME TEA?
JUST HALF A CUP EACH, PLEASE.

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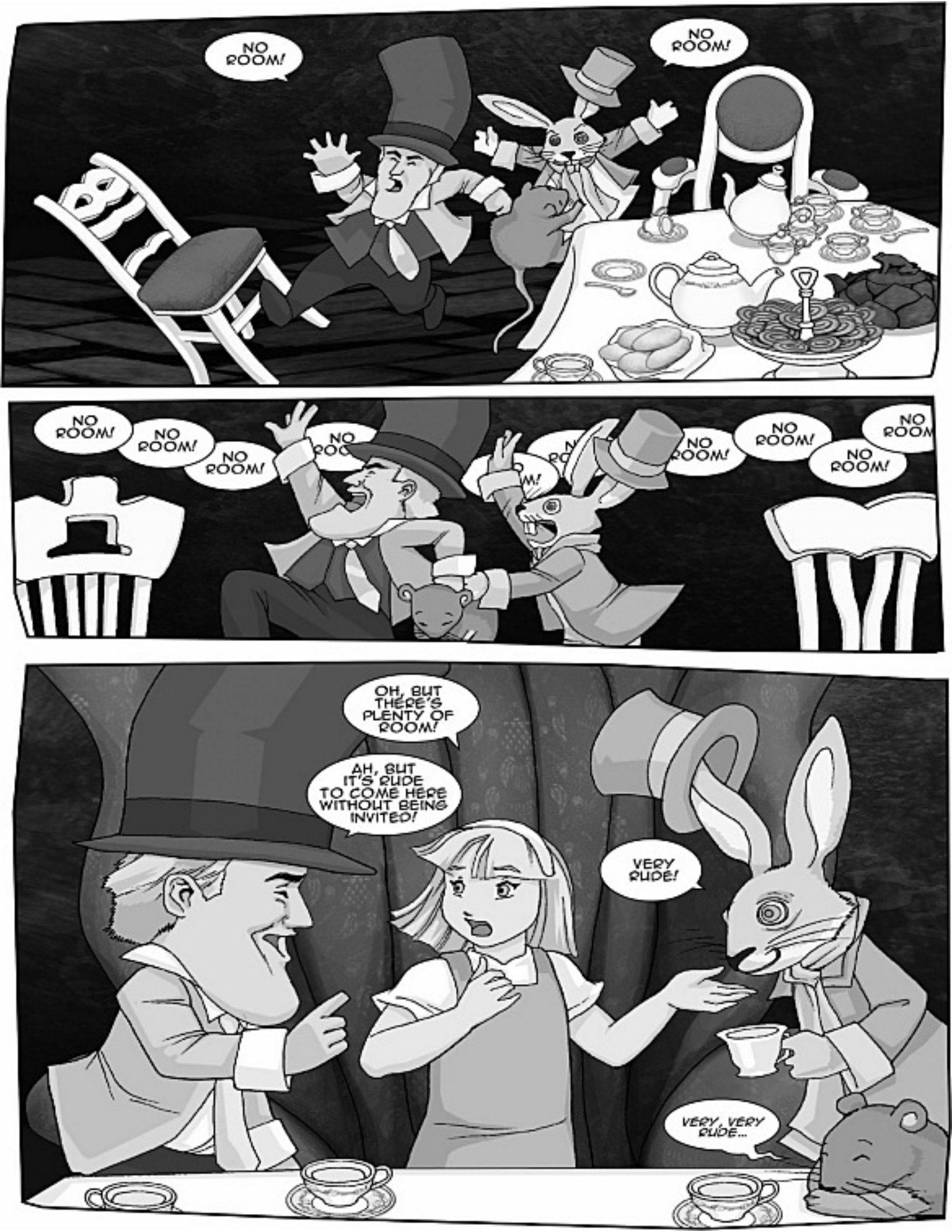
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OH, BUT THERE'S PLENTY OF ROOM!
AH, BUT IT'S RUDE TO COME HERE WITHOUT BEING INVITED!
VERY RUDE!
VERY, VERY RUDE...

HAVE SOME WINE.
UM, I DON'T SEE ANY WINE.
THERE ISN'T ANY.
THEN IT WASN'T VERY NICE OF YOU TO OFFER IT.
IT WASN'T VERY NICE OF YOU TO SIT DOWN WITHOUT BEING INVITED.
WELL, I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS YOUR TABLE.
IT'S LAID FOR A GREAT MANY MORE THAN THREE.

LET'S CHANGE THE SUBJECT. WANT SOME TEA?
OH, YES, THANK YOU.
I VOTE THE YOUNG LADY TELLS US A STORY.
I'M AFRAID I DON'T KNOW ONE.
THE DORMOUSE DOES! WAKE UP!
...?
TWINKLE, TWINKLE...
NO! NO! TELL US A STORY!
OH... WELL...

ONCE UPON A TIME, THERE WERE THREE LITTLE SISTERS.
THEIR NAMES WERE ELSIE, LACIE, AND TILLIE...
... AND THEY LIVED AT THE BOTTOM OF A WELL--
WAIT--

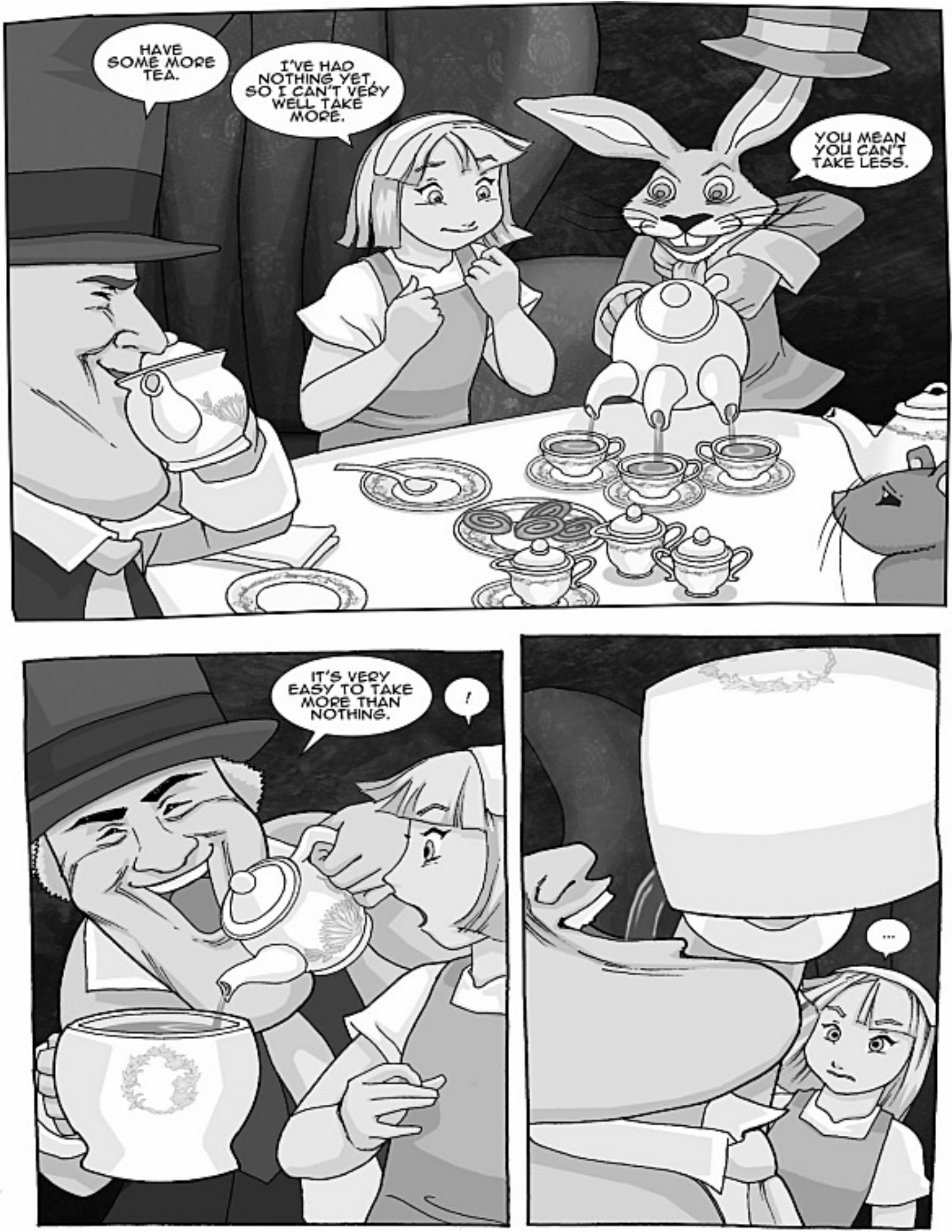
--WHAT DID THEY LIVE ON?

THEY LIVED ON TREACLE.

THEY COULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT! THEY'D HAVE BEEN ILL!

SO THEY WERE, VERY ILL.

BUT WHY DID THEY LIVE AT THE BOTTOM OF A WELL?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I'VE HAD NOTHING YET, SO I CAN'T VERY WELL TAKE MORE.
YOU MEAN YOU CAN'T TAKE LESS.
IT'S VERY EASY TO TAKE MORE THAN NOTHING.
!
...

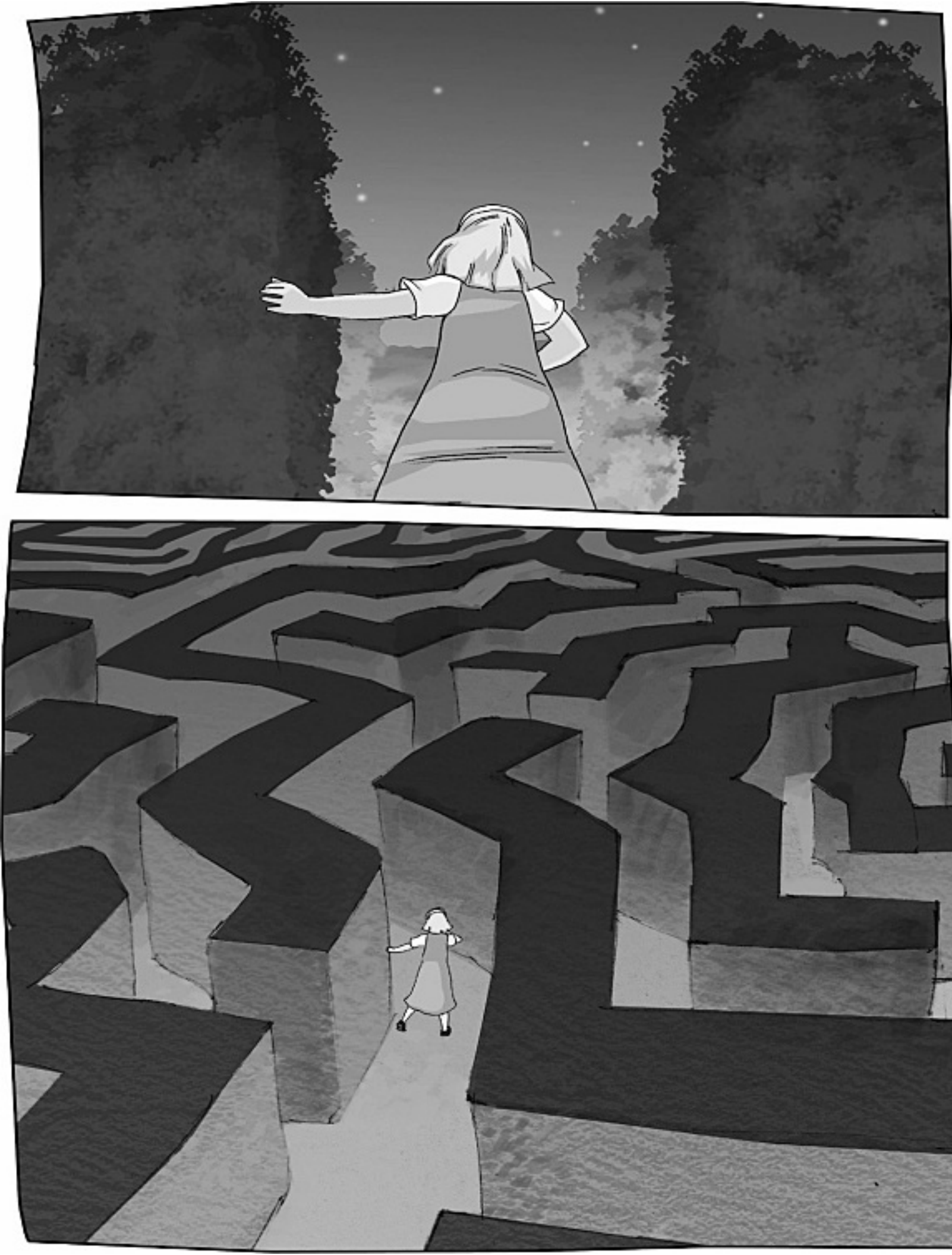
CLEAN CUP! GIVE ME A CLEAN CUP!
MOVE DOWN!
?!
EVERYONE MOVE ONE PLACE ON. MOVE ALONG!
B-BUT I--
CLEAN CUP! CLEAN CUP! MOVE DOWN! MOVE DOWN!

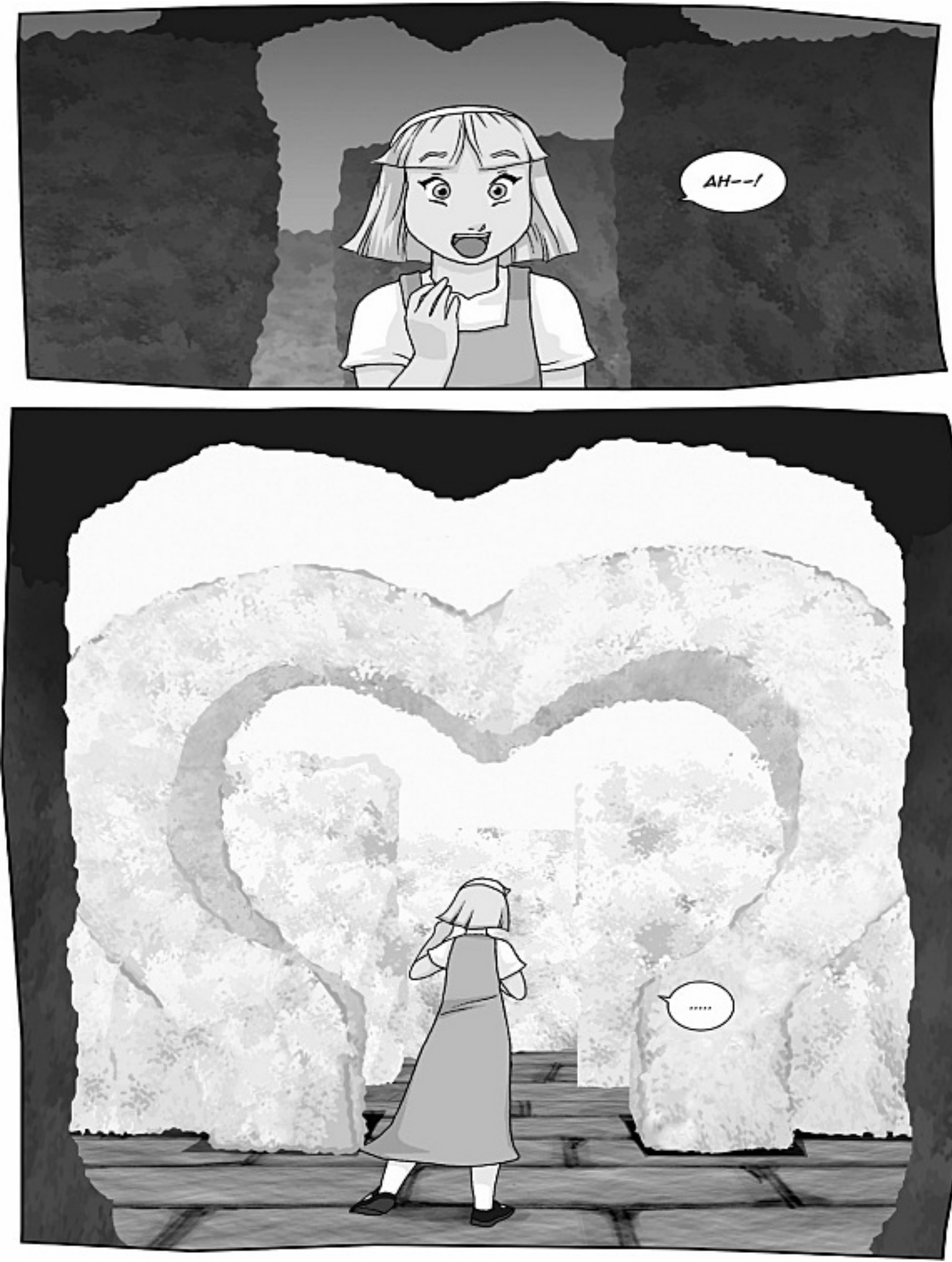
MUCH BETTER...
.....
SO, WHY IS A RAVEN LIKE A WRITING DESK?
I THINK I CAN GUESS THAT... "WHY IS A RAVEN LIKE A WRITING DESK?"
HMM...
WHY IS A RAVEN...
WHY...
UHHH...

I GIVE UP. WHAT'S THE ANSWER?
I HAVEN'T THE SLIGHTEST IDEA.
!
SHOULDN'T YOU BE DOING SOMETHING BETTER WITH THE TIME THAN WASTING IT ASKING RIDDLES THAT HAVE NO ANSWERS?
IF YOU ASK ME, I DON'T THINK--

THEN YOU SHOULDN'T TALK. BESIDES... YOUR HAIR NEEDS CUTTING.
.....
I'LL NEVER GO THERE AGAIN. THAT WAS THE STUPIDEST TEA PARTY I EVER WENT TO IN ALL MY LIFE!

THAT'S VERY CURIOUS! BUT EVERYTHING'S JUST STRANGE TODAY. I THINK I MIGHT AS WELL GO IN.

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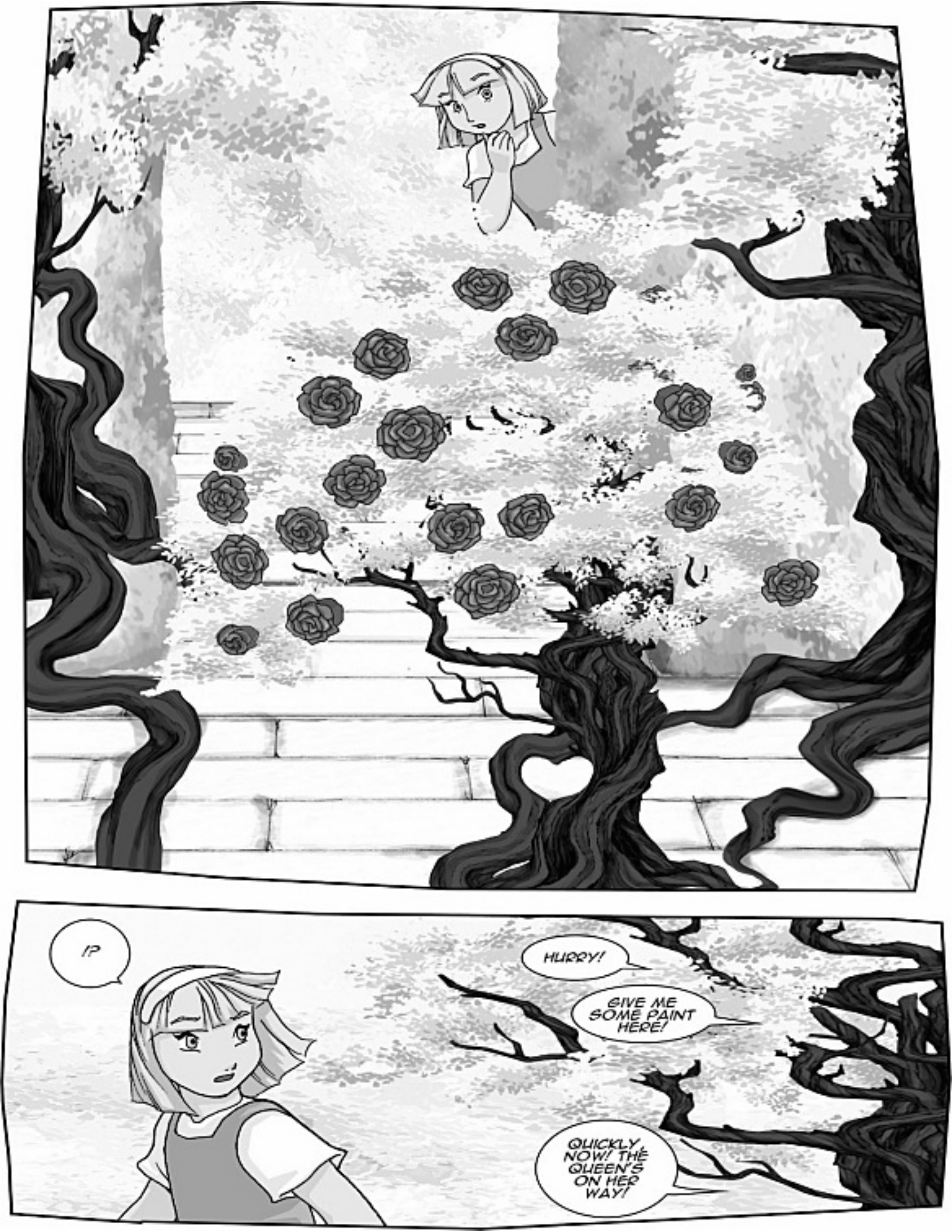
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HURRY!
GIVE ME SOME PAINT HERE!
QUICKLY NOW! THE QUEEN'S ON HER WAY!